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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
ISSUE

REF: STATE 295771

1. AFTER HOURS OF FRUITLESS EFFORTS SUNDAY TO TRACK DOWN
FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO, I FINALLY MANAGED TO SEE HIM
1000 HOURS LOCAL TIME TODAY. I MADE PRESENTATION AS
RECOMMENDED REFTEL, STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF MAIN-
TAINING INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH RESPECT TO UN ACTION
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ON SOUTH AFRICA. THIS LATTER POINT I THOUGHT WOULD BE
EFFECTIVE WITH CHISSANO, WHO HAS PLAYED CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE
IN DEVELOPING AND NURTURING THIS CONSENSUS AT BOTH MAPUTO
AND LAGOS CONFERENCES.

2. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO IN SO MANY WORDS, CHISSANO
GAVE IMPRESSION THAT HE TOO FELT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE

IF EVERY EFFORT WERE NOT MADE TO MAINTAIN THIS CONSENSUS
AND AFRICANS WERE TO PRESS FOR VOTE ON THEIR RESOLUTIONS
BEFORE ATTEMPT WERE MADE TO TRY TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE
SOLUTION WHICH WOULD AVOID A VETO. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT
THINK MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION COULD BE OF MUCH HELP
SINCE MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION WAS NOT PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE
IN THIS SECURITY COUNCIL DELIBERATION OWNING TO EXTENSIVE
AND IMPORTANT ECONOMIC LINKS WHICH MOZAMBIQUE MAINTAINS-
AND MUST CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN--WITH SOUTH AFRICA. MOZAMBIQUE
WOULD APPLY SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN ONLY IF EVERYONE
IS PREPARED TO DO SO, AND THIS, SAID CHISSANO, IS UNLIKELY.

3. WHEN I REPEATED THAT WHAT THE US WAS SEEKING AT
THIS TIME WAS MERELY A POSTPONEMENT OF THE VOTE ON THE FOUR
AFRICAN RESOLUTIONS TO SEE IF IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH
AGREEMENT ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DRAFT RESOLUTION, THEREBY
AVOIDING THE VETO, CHISSANO SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET IN
TOUCH WITH HIS DELEGATION IN NEW YORK AND ENQUIRE FROM THEM
HOW THEY VIEWED THE SITUATION. ALTHOUGH CHISSANO WAS
NONCOMMITAL, I BELIEVE THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE HE WILL INSTRUCT
HIS DELEGATION TO SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT OF A VOTE ON THE
AFRICAN RESOLUTIONS IF OTHER KEY AFRICAN STATES (ESPECIALLY
TANZANIA) ALSO FAVOR POSTPONEMENT.
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